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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection (OMB Control Number 1006-0028)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Bureau of Reclamation, intend to seek approval of the following information collection set to expire on December 31, 2014: Recreation Visitor Use Surveys, OMB Control Number 1006-0028. We will use several distinct forms to collect different types of recreation information. Before submitting the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for re-approval, we are soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on this information collection request by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. **ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Jerome Jackson, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy and Administration, 84-57000, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007; or via e-mail to <code>jljackson@usbr.gov</code>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or a copy of the proposed collection of information forms, contact Jerome Jackson at 303-445-2712. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that we are requesting re-

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approval for the collection of data from recreational users of our lands, rivers, and reservoirs. To meet our needs for the collection of visitor use data, we will be requesting OMB to authorize a two-part request. The first part of the request provides us with a set of 11 pre-approved questionnaires to be administered as approved by OMB.

The second part of the request consists of OMB and the Bureau of Reclamation agreeing upon a process whereby we custom design a survey instrument to fit a specific situation or area. The custom designed survey would be created by extracting questions from the approved questionnaires as applicable to the area and issue being evaluated. Only questions included in the pre-approved questionnaires will be used. We will then submit the new survey form to OMB for expedited approval.

I. <u>Abstract</u>. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for recreation development at all of its reservoirs. Presently, there are 289 designated recreation areas on our lands within the 17 Western States hosting over 24 million visitors annually. As a result, we must be able to respond to emerging trends, changes in the demographic profile of users, changing values, needs, wants, and desires, and conflicts between user groups. Statistically valid and up-to-date data derived from the user is essential to developing and providing recreation programs relevant to today's visitor.

## II. Data.

OMB Control Number: 1006-0028.

<u>Title</u>: Recreation Visitor Use Surveys

<u>Frequency</u>: Varies by survey.

Respondents: Respondents to the surveys will be members of the public engaged in recreational activities on our lands. Several surveys target people engaged in various

activities such as boating on a specific lake, or people camping at a developed campground. Visitors will primarily consist of local residents, people from large metropolitan areas in the vicinity of the lake/reservoir, and people from out of state.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 7,531

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.0

Estimated Total of Annual Responses: 7,531

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents: 2,043

ESTIMATE OF BURDEN FOR EACH FORM					
Survey Instrument	Burden Estimate Per Survey (in minutes)	Number of Surveys (times/yr.)	Number of Respondents per Survey	Total Estimated Number of Respondents	Total Annual Hour Burden
Marina Survey	10	2	278	556	93
Campground Survey	25	2	278	556	232
River Instream Flow Survey	20	2	278	556	185
Reservoir Preferred Water Level Survey	15	2	278	556	139
Lake/River Visit Expenditure Survey	15	2	278	556	139
Recreation Activities Survey	15	2	278	556	139
Recreation Management Survey	15	2	278	556	139
Recreation Fee Survey	10	1	581	581	97
Recreation Development Survey	15	2	278	556	139
Water Level Impacts on Recreation Boating Use	10	2	278	556	93
River Recreation Quality Survey	20	2	278	556	185
Customized Surveys	20	5	278	1,390	463
Totals				7,531	2,043

## Comments.

Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;
- (b) The accuracy of our estimated time and cost burdens of the proposed new collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents,

including increased use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology.

We will summarize all comments received regarding this notice. We will publish

that summary in the Federal Register when the information collection is submitted to

OMB for review and approval.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire

comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal

identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to

do so.

Dated: August 6, 2014.

Signed:

Karl Stock.

Acting Director, Policy and Administration.

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